

## MEDICAL INJURY COMPENSATION

than a fair share, and the consuming public must be involved. Stated simply, in the area of injuries resulting from medical management we ought to utilize the know-how and skills that we have developed and utilized in other areas of personal injury.

May I close with a quotation that intrigues me. It appears in an article that discusses the merits of the jury system and it comments on those that say the public considers jury trial an inviolate fundamental right. This is the quotation:

The voices that are heard are those that rise

above the sound of the axes that their owners are grinding. While these protagonists speak in the name of the community or in the name of God, there is no proof of the delegation of authority to speak for either.<sup>3</sup>

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## The Cure for Obesity

The cure for obesity, of course, has been known for centuries. For example, in 1825 a famous French gourmet said that any cure for obesity must begin with the three following absolute precepts: discretion in eating, moderation in sleeping and exercise on foot and horseback. In other words, one must decrease the intake of energy and increase its expenditure. However, most of the diet programs do not work. The magnitude of our society's concern for quick weight loss is reflected by the sales of two recent diet books: Dr. Stillman's books have sold 5 million copies in the last six years and Dr. Atkins' book sold 1 million copies in the first seven months. However, these books are just a drop in the bucket when viewed in terms of the billions of dollars per year which are pumped into the diet industry. In the end, however, the struggle continues for most people because dieting is very difficult. There is no easy way, no quick way to lose weight.

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